

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	EAS.90
Historic Name:	Little Green Acres
Common Name:	
Address:	1900 Massasoit Rd
City/Town:	Eastham
Village/Neighborhood:	North Eastham
Local No:	02-087A
Year Constructed:	
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	No style
Use(s):	Secondary Dwelling House; Single Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Architecture; Recreation
Area(s):	
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Wood; Wood Shingle; Wood Clapboard Foundation: Brick



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FORM B - BUILDING

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220 Morrissey Boulevard
Boston, Massachusetts 02125

Assessor's
Number

02/087A

USGS Quad

Orleans

Area(s)

Form Number

90

Town

Eastham



Neighborhood or village)

1900 Massasoit Road

Name

Present

Residential

Original

"

Construction

1925

Visual Assessment and
See Bibliography*

Form

Astylistic

Builder

Material:

Foundation

Brick

Wall/Trim

Shiplap (Main Block)
Shingles (Additions)

Roof

Asphalt Sheets

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

Major Alterations (with dates)

Condition

Good

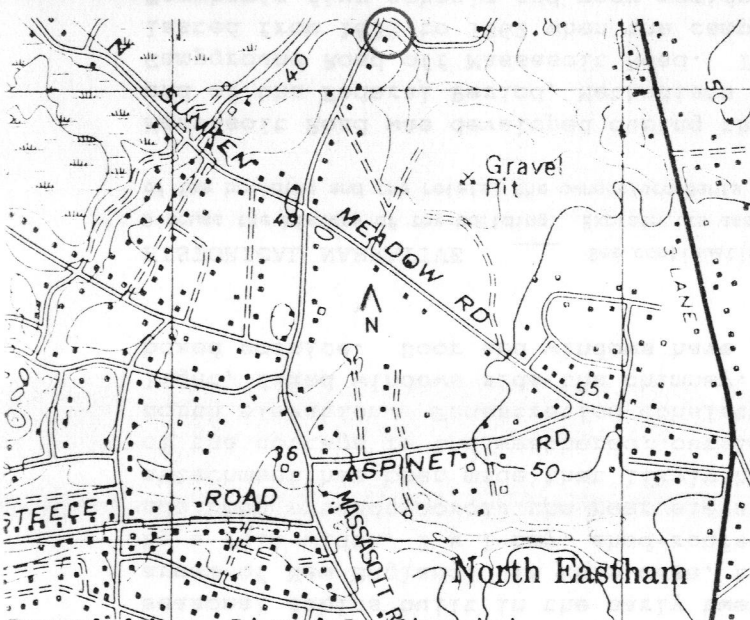
Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage

.61 Acres

Setting Located in a moderately-settled,
rural area on the SE corner of Harvest and
Massasoit Roads.

here. Indicate North.



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BUILDING FORM

1900 Massasoit Road

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ See continuation sheet.

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

This tiny, rectangular, 1-story, side-gable, cottage is typical of the simple, seasonal cabins built in the early twentieth-century throughout recreational areas of New England. In this case, the original facade has been obliterated by a full-width, 3 x 1-bay, shed-roofed addition. A similar, full-width addition extends across the rear elevation to which a shallow, gable-roofed attachment has been made that likely houses a tiny bedroom. The main feature of the cottage is the weathered, outside-end brick chimney on the north elevation. Fenestration consists of 2/1, double-hung sash. Tiny 4-light, fixed windows side the chimney. Eaves project and have a narrow, boxed cornice. Door and windows have plain trim.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE ☐ See continuation sheet.

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

Massasoit Road was developed during the Federal Period (1775-1830). By the end of the Federal Period, Methodists had established a campground near Campground Road off Massasoit Road. This center for summer religious retreats lasted from 1830 to 1862 when the camp moved to Yarmouth. By 1831, one of Eastham's five schools and many residences were located on Massasoit Road.

It is likely that many of the residents were involved in agriculture. Grains were an early cash crop in Eastham and later, asparagus and turnips became more common. Husbandry and fishing were also important sources of income for Massasoit Road residents. By 1901, at least seven farmers were living on Massasoit Road. There were also a clerk, lighthouse keeper, laborer and a grocer. A provisions store was located on the corner of Oak and Massasoit Roads. By the twentieth century, the road had become an important way from Orleans through Eastham to Wellfleet. Seasonal residents had begun building summer homes and cottages by the Early Modern Period.

The cabin at 1900 Massasoit Road is one of these summer cottages built in Eastham as transportation facilities and road systems and use of the automobile expanded. No research, data or house file exists for this property at the Eastham Historical Society Archives. A construction date of 1925 assigned to the property is noted on a list of historic properties devised by the Eastham Historical Society with dates provided from assessors' records. The original source for the determination of the construction date in the assessors records is unknown. Based on appearances, it seems reasonable. This house is not represented on the 1907 map of Eastham. Since the only Directory for the Town of Eastham dates to 1901, no identification of the original or subsequent owners was possible using readily-available, local records. Deed research will be necessary to obtain more information on the property.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☒ See continuation sheet.

☐ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places;
If checked, see attached National Register Criteria Statement form.

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

1900 MASSASOIT ROAD
EASTHAM

AREA FORM NO. 90

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